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Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway needs rectification: Mandya DC

DC Dr. Kumara writes to NHAI, says unfinished works leading to accidents

The unfinished service roads on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway at Induvalu, Gananguru and Thoobinakere in Mandya district.

Srirangapatna, Oct. 30 (Vinay Karekura&BCT)- Mandya Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Kumara has written to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), drawing attention to certain unattended and incomplete works on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway (NH-275) that are leading to accidents and posing risks to public safety.

Dr. Kumara

The letter, dated Oct. 25, addressed to V.P. Brahmankar, Regional Officer at NHAI in Bengaluru, requests the officer's personal intervention to address these issues on the Nidaghatta-Srirangapatna stretch of NH-275, which falls under Mandya district's jurisdiction.

The primary concern is ensuring public safety and preventing loss of life and injuries.

Dr. Kumara emphasised that these issues have been consistently raised by the public and elected representatives, necessitating urgent rectification.

The Deputy Commissioner's letter outlines eight major works and their locations that remain incomplete, along with the necessary actions that NHAI should take. Additionally, there are a couple of other locations with pending works that require immediate attention.

Incomplete drain works on service roads are causing safety hazards in several villages, including Nidaghatta, Maddur, Mobbalagere, Gejjalagere, Hanakere, Boodanuru, Ummadahalli, Induvalu, Sundahalli, Yeliyuru, Kalenahalli, Kodshettipura, Gananguru, Gowdahalli and other villages in Mandya district.

(See EXPRESSWAY on page 6)

Kerala blast: Law and Order ADGP holds security meeting in city

Karnataka heightens alert along Kerala border; suspect vehicles to be under scanner

In-charge ADGP (Law and Order) Umesh Kumar, who chaired a meeting at the SP Office in city this morning, is flanked by DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah and City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth.

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (RK&KS)- Following the serial blasts at a Christian religious convention in Kerala yesterday killing three persons and injuring several others, the neighbouring State of Karnataka has elevated its security alert level for both the Police and security agencies, particularly along the border.

The Karnataka Government has issued instructions for law enforcement to intensify monitoring in border areas and increase the presence of personnel.

Random vehicle checks will be carried out at all entry points from Kerala into Karnataka.

(See ADGP on page 6)

Skyrocketing onion prices hit kitchen budgets in Mysuru

Per kg rate jumps from Rs. 40 to Rs. 90; may breach Rs. 100 mark by Deepavali

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (SPN& TRR)- The surge in tomato prices recently led people to prepare tomato-bath without tomatoes and now, the escalating cost of onions, a kitchen staple, has left the economically challenged and middle-class residents of Mysuru in tears, burdening households.

(See ONION on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Monday 30th October 2023

UoM wins prize in Dasara Ornamental Garden Contest

The University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor's (VC) residence on JLB Road, the UoM Registrar's residence in Manasagangothri and the Horticulture Division of UoM have secured first prize in 'Ornamental Garden Category' of Dasara Flower Show - Garden Contest organised by the District Horticulture Society. UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja, Horticulture Assistant Director Mujawar and others seen displaying the trophies and certificate.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Many of India's leading tech companies have committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2050. A few have already cut their emissions through reduction measures or offset them by buying carbon credits from the carbon market. A carbon credit is a unit that represents one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent that has been removed from the atmosphere through sequestration or prevented from being emitted into the atmosphere. Carbon credits from afforestation and preventing deforestation are one of the globally top generators of carbon credits, particularly from countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

A report published by the IUCN notes that less than 2% of funding comes from the private sector for forest restoration, and given India's restoration potential, corporates can positively contribute to forest restoration and help India achieve its restoration commitments like the Bonn Challenge, where India has committed to restoring about 26 million ha of degraded land by 2030.

An important challenge to be addressed is measuring carbon sequestration in tree plantation and forest restoration made through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and giving certified carbon emission reduction to companies. In June 2023, the Government of India announced the 'Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, 2023' under the Energy Conservation Act for setting up a carbon credit trading market in the country. The scheme will also give accreditation to the agency for carbon verification based on international standards to measure carbon sequestration through tree plantations and certify carbon credits, which the companies can use to meet their emission reduction targets.

Although it's a scheme in the making, it is necessary for such schemes to ensure that the proceeds from carbon credits go mainly to local communities and not to auditors and verifiers as is currently happening. Lastly, companies contributing to tree plantations through CSR should be aware of the carbon credits they are buying and if it has contributed to the social benefits of local communities. — *Dhanapal Govindarajulu in Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Escalators as alternative to mountain hiking

Beijing: Lazy tourists visiting scenic mountain spots in China's Zhejiang Province can now skip mountain hiking altogether and ride giant escalators hundreds of meters long to reach the best view spots.

Tour operators have installed massive escalators on mountains to help tourists gain access to the best views with virtually no effort. Scenic scots that were once only accessible by hiking on precarious trails are now available to anyone willing to ride one of these escalators for a few seconds, minutes at most. For example, Tanyu Mountain, in Zhejiang's Chun'an county, has an altitude of only 350 meters, but due to the precarious relief, tourists have to walk three mountains around the mountain in order to reach the summit, making it inaccessible to the elderly and young children. But thanks, to the new escalator, anyone can now reach the top of Tanyu Mountain with virtually no effort.

World's first coffin-aged wine

London: English wine brand 19 Crimes might just have created the world's most sinister red wine. They took 100 bottles of wine, put them in a coffin, and buried them six feet under in a creepy Victorian cemetery.

According to the risqué-specialized company, they took 100 bottles of red wine, put them in an oak casket, and buried them among the dead in London's Tower Hamlets Cemetery. The wine was recently dug up in the presence of a priest, to ensure that nothing sinister returned with the red liquor, but according to exorcist and paranormal expert Ian Lawman, the wine is most likely cursed anyway.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Can Smoking cause urinary bladder cancer?

Yes, smoking can cause urinary bladder cancer because nicotine is a carcinogenic.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T.P. - Consultant – Urology & Andrology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

**** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

First prize in Dasara Pot Arrangement Contest

The Mysore Palace Board bagged first prize in Dasara Pot Arrangement and Ornamental Garden Category of Dasara Flower Show - Garden Contest organised by the District Horticulture Society. Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya** (centre) **and staff members are seen with trophy.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284.00 feet**	Maximum **2,859.00 feet**
Today's level **99.48 feet**	Today's level **2,273.16 feet**	Today's level **2,849.58 feet**
Last year's level **124.70 feet**	Last year's level **2,282.45 feet**	Last year's level **2,854.38 feet**
Yesterday's level **99.50 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,273.19 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,850.20 feet**
Today's Inflow **531 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **196 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **139 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **567 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **1,700 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***Hippos are most active at night, when they forage for food. They are herbivores and eat mostly grass — and boy do they eat grass! In just one night, they can guzzle down up to 35kg of their favourite grub.***
- ***Female hippos, called cows, give birth every two years, usually to a single calf. Soon after birth, the mother and her baby join up with other cows and calves for protection against predators, such as crocodiles, lions and hyenas.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Doctor:** Quick, he's losing a lot of blood. He needs an infusion — what's his blood type?!*
***Nurse:** "B positive."*
***Doctor:** I'm trying, but he's lost a lot of blood !?*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.25
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.86
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.66
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.91

VOICE OF THE READER

Curbing of online frauds by CEN Police

Sir,

It is a pity that various schemes and frauds are operated by the scammers and the lure of money draws the gullible public to invest in the same.

Scams in the name of Google ratings, job offers and hotel reviews are common. Initially the victims receive money from the fraudsters to gain their trust. Later they are coerced to transfer larger amounts, after receiving which, the fraudsters switch off their mobiles and vanish into thin air.

The banks are regularly sending alerts and warning the public that they do not send any messages asking for details and request the customer to visit the nearest branch for any information. Despite this many customers share the OTP and end up losing money to fraudsters.

There is no doubt that the Police and CEN authorities are doing their best to educate the public, not to fall victims to these schemes. Despite these warnings, we keep reading regularly about victims from Mysuru and surroundings falling prey to these scamsters.

It would be a great boon to the general public if this problem is nipped at its bud and awareness created for the larger good.

—S. Sriram
Saraswathipuram
27.10.2023

Allied Health Sciences - Graduates Reception at JSS MC tomorrow

Mysuru, Oct. 30- JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research - JSS Medical College (JSS MC), has organised Allied Health Sciences - Graduates Reception at Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS MC premises, at 4 pm tomorrow (Oct. 31).

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Dr. B.L. Sujatha Rathod, Director, Medical Education, GoK, will preside. Dr. Sucheta Banerjee Kurundkar, Principal Scientist II, THSTI & Chief of Training, CDSA-THSTI, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, GoI, New Delhi, will be the chief guest. Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER and Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, will be the guests of honour.

Dasara procession: Four cultural troupes bag prizes

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (DM)- Four cultural troupes have won prizes for excellent performance during the *Jumboo Savari* procession held here on the concluding day of Dasara festival on Oct. 24.

C. Chandra Naika of Sri Mallikarjuna Kudubiholi Janapada Kala Sangha, Heggunje in Udupi district, has bagged the first prize for excellent Gumate Dance.

C. Manjunath of Adidravida Tamate Mattu Nagari Samskrutika Kalavrunda, Mysuru, has shared the second prize with Ambale Shivanna of Sri Basaveshwara Veeragase Janapada Kalatanda, Mysuru. While C. Manjunath and team excelled in Tamate and Nagari, Ambale Shivanna excelled in Veerabhadra Kunitha.

J.M. Manjunath of Sri Nanjundeshwara Garudi Gombe Nrutya Yuvakara Sangha, Jangamakote in Chikkaballapur district has secured third prize for Garudi Gombe performance.

The first prize winner gets Rs.15,000, each of the two second prize winners will get Rs.5,000 (prize money Rs.10,000) and the third prize winner gets Rs.5,000, according to Dasara Procession Sub-Committee.

Conclave on prevention of sexual harassment held

CII Mysuru deliberates on breaking barriers and empowering gender neutrality across all sectors

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (BCT)- CII Mysuru recently organised Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) Conclave 2023 on 'Breaking Barriers and Em-powering Gender Neutrality Across All Sectors.' The event was held at the Infosys Campus, Mysuru.

The objective of the conclave was to ignite discussions, inspire action and initiate a transformative journey towards meaningful change, with a special emphasis on identifying and dismantling barriers while actively promoting gender neutrality.

It addressed key focal points, including legal compliance and framework, policies and prevention measures, creating a safe work environment, employee training and awareness, the role of HR in POSH compliance, employee well-being, and counselling, conducting fair and Impartial Investigations through digital solutions for case management, future trends, and case studies, and corporate responsibility.

Naziya Sultana, Assistant Labour Commissioner, Mysuru Division, emphasised the importance of fostering a conducive work environment and stated that self-defence is the initial step to combat sexual harassment in the workplace.

Sam Cherian, Chairman of CII Mysuru Zone, underscored the necessity of POSH, stating that it is an ethical obligation and that a safe and positive environment is also a storehouse of productivity.

Eswara Rao, Vice-Chairman of CII Mysuru Zone, highlighted the existence of POSH in different forms. He emphasised the role of women in our lives as life bearers and stressed the duty to protect and respect them.

Vinayak Hegde, Vice-President and Centre Head at Infosys Mysuru, spoke about Infosys being a pioneer in the implementation of the POSH Act and praised CII Mysuru's active role in facilitating this crucial initiative in Mysuru.

Savitha Mallappa, Convenor of CSR, HR/IR & Women Panel at CII Mysuru, emphasised that POSH and gender neutrality are integral in creating a safe, equitable, and thriving workplace that benefits both individuals and organisations.

Preet Kushalappa Kodira, Co-Convenor of the Women Panel at CII Mysuru, discussed the objective of the conclave, highlighting the need for the implementation of the POSH Act 2013 in organisations across various sectors. She encouraged Mysuru-based companies to collaborate on this important social concern and shared best practices from Infosys.

Expert speakers included G.C. Yamuna, Legal Consultant at SASHA India, and trainer and investigation expert, who delved into intensive aspects of the POSH Act. P.M. Hemalatha Senior Manager, HR (Business Partnering, L&D) and Chairperson of POSH (for Robert Bosch India Ltd), Bosch Limited, provided insights into the best practices and implementation of POSH in the manufacturing industry.

Sarah Isabel Kelman, Associate Director at Manipal Health Enterprises Pvt. Ltd., discussed the challenges faced in the hospitality industry and the implementation of POSH with respect to gender neutrality.

The conclave had over 90 attendees from diverse industries and sectors. It concluded with a day of engaging discussions, sharing of best practices in manufacturing, service-based industries and hospitality, as well as insightful case studies and real-world examples. The event aimed to drive a powerful movement towards gender neutrality and inclusivity, fostering an environment of knowledge-sharing and collaboration.

Mysureans bag ICAI Intl. Research Awards

Mysuru, Oct. 30 - The Research Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) had organised the "ICAI International Research Awards, 2023" recently at Movenpick Grand Al Bustan Hotel, Dubai, UAE.

These awards are considered as the world's largest cross-border competition, which is organised with the objective of encouraging and providing recognition to research scholars across the globe and their contribution in fostering research studies leading to innovation and value creation.

In all, there were 184 nominations across the globe for this award in 2023.

Mysuru researchers Dr. N. Abhishek, Dr. Abhinandan Kulal, Dr. Sahana Dinesh and Prof. M .S. Divyashree received recognition in the bronze category of accounting research on the paper "Electric Vehicles in Business Processes and Sustainable Development."

ICAI is a statutory body set up by an Act of Parliament. The institute functions under the administrative control of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India.

The headquarters of ICAI is in New Delhi and it has five regional offices, 168 branches all over the country 47 overseas chapters and 34 representative offices spanning over 47 countries.

NEWS BRIEFS

Dental Implant camp at JSS

A Dental Implant Camp is being organised at the Implant Clinic, JSS Dental College and Hospital, as a part of the Annual Comprehensive Training in Implant Dentistry (CTID) programme. Members of the public with single or multiple missing teeth can attend the camp. Suitable patients would be registered for fixed replacement of teeth with dental implant at highly subsidised rates. Screening camp will be held from Nov. 6 to 11 between 9 am and 1 pm at JSS Dental College and Hospital, S.S. Nagar, Bannimantap.

Animal Adoption

Advaith Motors Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru, has adopted one elephant and two tigers of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee of Rs. 7,00,000 for one year from 21.10.2023 to 20.10.2024, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardees

Anita N. Halamata has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'A Study on Value Relevance of Financial Reporting of BSE Listed Private Sector Companies in India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.H. Suresh.

R. Veena has been awarded Ph.D in Public Administration by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Rastra mattu Rajya Rajakiyadalli H.D. Deve Gowdara Nayakatwa mattu Abivrudhi Adalitha' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Dayanada Mane.

Obituary

R. Ramesh

Mysuru, Oct. 30- R. Ramesh (62), a resident of Hebbal 1st Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam last evening, according to family sources.

Homecoming: H.D. Kote youth returns from strife-torn Israel

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (RK&BCT)- Many resilient young Indians have safely returned home from Israel, carrying with them a remarkable story of courage and survival. One of these extraordinary individuals is S.G. Swami, a 28-year-old resident of Kodasige village in H.D. Kote taluk of Mysuru district.

He embarked on a journey back to his homeland amidst an escalating conflict in Israel that had been making international headlines. Swami successfully returned home on Oct. 15.

For Swami and his family, the return home was a poignant moment, as they had spent anxious hours in front of the television, following the Hamas attacks on Israel and its subsequent defence. Images of bombings, air strikes, and the sound of explosions had given them sleepless nights, with the family praying constantly for the safe return of their beloved son, who had gone to a foreign country to pursue higher education.

Swami's father, Girimada Nayak, his mother, Chikkamma, his wife Shobha, whom he had married just six months ago, and his siblings, S.G. Girish and S.G. Krishna, were all tense as the situation escalated into a full-fledged war between Israel and Hamas.

S.G. Swami

Went to Israel for higher studies

Swami, a dedicated member of the local farming community, had carved an impressive academic trajectory. He earned an M.Sc in Chemistry from Bangalore University and went on to pursue a Ph.D. He also served as a committed guide for research students at the university, nurturing the aspirations of budding scientists.

For a long time, he had harboured dreams of conducting cutting-edge research in Israel. In November 2022, those dreams became a reality when he embarked on post-doctoral studies in organic chemistry at the prestigious Volcani Institute, Israel's national centre of innovation, located in Rishon LeZion, near Jerusalem. Swami had even rented a house close to his institute for convenience.

However, the outbreak of conflict in Israel presented an unforeseen challenge for Swami and his family back home. Recounting the events of the fateful day, Oct. 7, when Hamas launched a terror attack on unsuspecting Israelis, Swami shared his experience.

Booming sirens

Since it was a weekend, he had the day off. "I was asleep at 6 pm when I heard the sirens and the booming sound of the attack. I immediately ran to the well-fortified shelter, ingeniously designed to withstand rocket attacks and equipped with essential supplies, as well as emergency exits for immediate safety," he recalled.

The shelter's fortified windows and doors, constructed with robust steel, provided significant protection. Residents meticulously adhered to safety protocols and instructions in the event of a rocket attack, which proved to be instrumental in ensuring their well-being.

Swami also mentioned the 'Home Front Command' app, designed by the Israel Defence Force, for people to escape such attacks. It continuously provided real-time information and detailed guidance on what to do. Swami followed the instructions and remained safe.

As the conflict unfolded, the Israeli Government displayed remarkable coordination in providing crucial information to residents, reinforcing their safety.

Mutual coordination for safety

This collaborative approach eliminated the necessity for residents to consider relocating to other regions. Even food and water supply, as well as sanitation, were well-managed, with people working together with the authorities to ensure mutual coordination.

Swami expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering support extended by various organisations and compassionate fellow residents. He explained, "The moment I decided to return to India, arrangements were made by the Israelis in a professional manner. They helped with the visa and made all the necessary arrangements. They gave me a warm send-off and assured me that I could return to Israel once I felt safe."

Swami also revealed that he had planned to bring his wife to Israel and had prepared her passport and visa. However, due to the ongoing strife, his family no longer wishes him to go there. He has decided to continue teaching at Bangalore University and be closer to his loved ones.

Unidentified body found on railway track

Mysuru, Oct. 30- A body of an unidentified person has been found on railway track between Naganahalli and Pandavapur Railway Stations. The man was crushed under the wheels of the train and is aged around 60 years of age. The body of deceased is kept at K.R. Hospital Mortuary.

The deceased wore a full shirt and white lungi with Grey Blue beads. He is about 5 feet 6 inches tall, brown complexion, has a straight nose, moderately built and has two inches grey hair in his head.

Any information about deceased person may be conveyed to Mysuru Railway Police Station or by calling Ph: 0821-2516579, says a press release issued by the Railway Police Station Officer.

Student goes missing

Mysuru, Oct. 30-A student, pursuing his SSLC at Morarji Desai Residential School at Mudukuthore, who had come to his house for Dasara holidays, has gone missing and a missing complaint has been lodged at Bannur Police Station.

Prabudha

The missing student is Prabudha, son of Mallesh and a resident of Jai Bheem Nagar, T. Narasipur taluk, in the district.

Following Dasara holidays, Prabudha had come home on Oct. 8 and his father had told him that he would drop him to the School on Oct. 25, but he (Prabudha) went missing from 2.10 pm on Oct. 25.

Those having any information about the missing student may contact Bannur Police Station on Ph: 08227-275632.

Man murdered at Udayagiri

Two accused nabbed in a few hours

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (RK&KS)- A man has been allegedly murdered over a monetary dispute at Udayagiri on Wednesday night and the Police have arrested two accused within a few hours of the incident.

While the deceased has been identified as Asif Pasha (35), a resident of KHB Colony in Udayagiri, those arrested are Saleem Pasha and Syed Anwar. Both the accused were produced before a Magistrate, who remanded them to judicial custody.

A fight broke out over the money owed to Saleem Pasha which escalated and the two accused using a glass piece and a eucalyptus pole hit Asif on his head and killed him before fleeing away.

Devaraja Sub-Division ACP Shanthamallappa, Udayagiri Inspector Sudhakar and staff, who reached the spot, conducted mahazar and registered a case.

Acting on the clues, the Police who conducted investigation traced both the accused within a few hours of the crime and arrested them.

Two-month deadline to hand over wildlife artefacts: Forest Minister

Bengaluru, Oct. 30- "Those in possession of wildlife artefacts should handover the same to the Government within two months," said Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre.

Eshwar Khandre

"Till Bigg Boss contestant Varthur Santosh was arrested for wearing tiger claw pendant, people did not know about the Wildlife (Protection) Act. Now people are aware of the Act and hence two-month time has been given to handover wildlife artefacts to the Government," Khandre said.

"When the Wildlife (Protection) Act was implemented in 1972, opportunity was given to keep wildlife artefacts as per the law. But the Act was amended in 2003 and 2022 and as per the 2022 Amended Act, it is a crime to keep, use, collect and transport wildlife artefacts," Forest Minister Khandre said.

People flock Dasara Exhibition in hordes; Expo to end on Jan. 12

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (PM&BCT)- The Dasara Exhibition, a highly anticipated and celebrated event, continues to draw a large number of visitors even after the Dasara festivities. Yesterday, being a Sunday, more than 40,000 people flocked to the exhibition, highlighting its enduring popularity.

According to Rajesh G. Gowda, the CEO of the Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA), the exhibition will remain open until Jan. 12, 2024, providing ample time for people to enjoy its offerings. Cultural programmes are scheduled daily to attract visitors, and these programmes will run until Jan. 12.

Mysuru, coupled with the illumination and other attractions, is attracting thousands of visitors. Hotels and resorts reported decent accommodation bookings, especially on Saturdays and Sundays, with numerous inquiries starting from the previous Friday. The Government has extended the illumination event until Nov. 4.

The rush to witness the illumination spectacle begins at 6 pm, causing traffic congestion, especially in the Central Business District and the roads leading to the city's entrance. Exhibition tickets are available until 10 pm on weekends and until 9.30 pm on weekdays, with the venue closing at 11 pm.

The exhibition offers a wide range of attractions, including handloom sales, over 200 stalls with various products, fun and games, food stalls serving delicious cuisine and numerous entertainment options.

"It is not just a place for purchases but a wholesome entertainment option for families, including cultural glimpses and performances," Rajesh said. Many cultural troupes and individual performers have expressed interest in performing at the Dasara exhibition.

The exhibition includes dedicated sections for handloom sales, allowing visitors to explore and purchase a variety of handcrafted textiles, clothing, and fabrics. This supports local artisans and promotes traditional craftsmanship. The stalls feature items such as clothing, accessories, handicrafts, artwork, jewellery and more.

Vendors also note that the exhibition is an excellent venue to purchase handloom products like sarees, kurtas, and bedsheets at very reasonable prices while maintaining high quality. This year's exhibition awarded a total tender of Rs. 11.50 crore.

Furthermore, the exhibition offers fun and games suitable for both children and adults, and food enthusiasts can embark on a culinary journey at the food stalls, which serve a wide variety of dishes, including local specialties and fried foods to cater to diverse tastes.

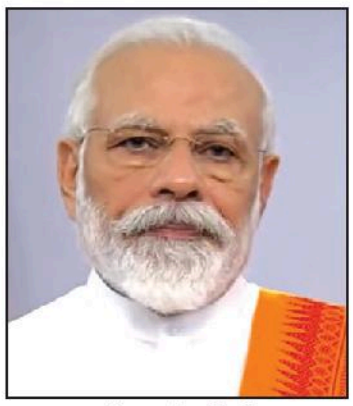
PM Modi announces nationwide platform 'Mera Yuva Bharat'

New Delhi, Oct. 30 (UNI& Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that a nationwide 'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform — a new autonomous body for youth and youth-led development, will be launched on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary tomorrow (Oct. 31).

Underlining how youths can play active roles in nation-building through this platform, Modi appealed to the youths to register on *https://www.mybharat.gov.in/*

Addressing the nation yesterday in the 106th episode of his monthly flagship radio show 'Mann Ki Baat', the PM said the foundation of a nationwide platform is being laid on Oct. 31 on the birth anniversary of Sardar Saheb.

"MY Bharat will provide an opportunity for the youth of India to play an active role in various nation-building events. This is a unique effort to integrate the youth power of India in building a developed India. Mera Yuva Bharat's website MY Bharat is also about to be launched," the PM said.



Narendra Modi

The development comes a week after the Union Cabinet, about a fortnight ago, had announced that the Government would set up a platform aimed at developing leadership skills among youths to make them social innovators and leaders in the communities while noting that youths in the age group of 15 to 29 years could avail the benefits of the platform, that would strive towards youth and youth-led development.

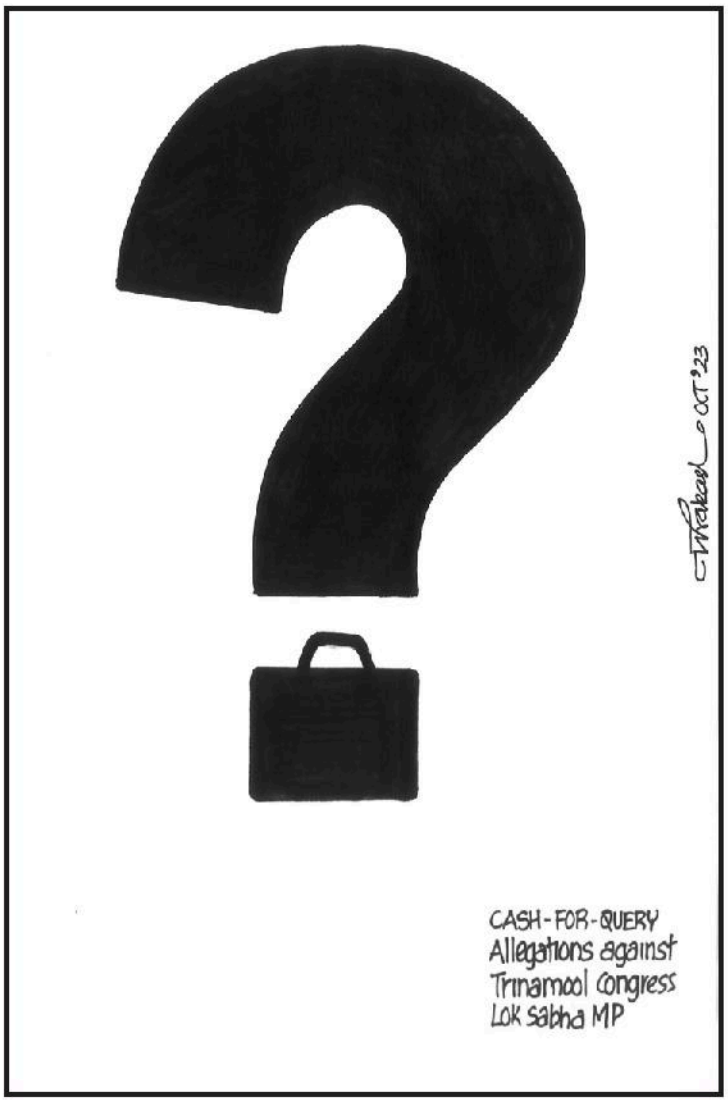
Meanwhile, the Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of a platform for youth, "Mera Yuva Bharat" or MY Bharat, a phygital mechanism to connect youth across the country with appropriate government, private and NGO schemes for volunteering opportunities.

All youth-related schemes by the Government will be listed on the platform and it will "improve the efficiency of service delivery of the Government," a press release said. It will be a "one-stop platform ... to engage with the youth", the release said, adding that through this platform, "a centralised youth database can be created, which can be used in the national interest."

MY Bharat platform will help fulfil the voluntary community participation aspect of the National Education Policy, 2020. The platform will also list opportunities for youth parliament, and national and international exchange programmes. While Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan is only for rural youths, MY Bharat is for all youths across rural, semi-urban, urban, national and international areas.

TEASER

By N. Prakash



Law and Order ADGP holds meeting

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There are seven major and seven minor entry points into Karnataka from Kerala, and a higher number of police personnel will be deployed at each of these locations.

To discuss security measures, the in-charge Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) for Law and Order, Umesh Kumar, convened a meeting with Superintendents of Police (SPs), Additional SPs, Deputy Superintendents of Police (Dy.SPs), and Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACPs) from Mysuru, Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Mandya and Hassan districts under the Southern Range, along with top officers from Mysuru city. The meeting was held at the SP Office auditorium this morning.

ADGP Umesh Kumar, who arrived in the city at 4 pm yesterday, stayed in the city overnight.

Southern Range Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) Dr. M.B. Boralingaiah, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, Mysuru SP Seema Latkar, Additional SP Dr. Nandini, DCPs M. Muthuraj and S. Jahnavi were also present.

ADGP Umesh Kumar instructed the Bomb Detection and Disposal teams, Anti-Sabotage Check teams and Dog Squads to intensify their vigilance, especially along inter-State borders. He also directed the Police to conduct checks on suspected vehicles, question the occupants, inspect for potential transportation of weapons and promptly report any findings to their superiors.

He advised the Police to check foreign students to ensure they are not staying beyond their visa expiration and to take precautionary measures to prevent any untoward incidents.

The meeting also discussed a range of cases, including those related to SC and ST, harassment, women and children, major house burglaries, criminal investigations, and human trafficking cases.

ADGP Umesh Kumar sought feedback from the attending Police officers.

Kannada Rajyotsava rehearsal held

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (RK&TRR)- As part of the grand 68th Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations on Nov. 1, the two-day march-past parade rehearsal began this morning at Oval Grounds in city.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) City Armed Reserve (CAR) A. Maruti led the rehearsal which began at 7.30 am. Troops of Karnataka Armed Reserve Police (KARP), Mounted Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP), City Armed Reserve (CAR), Home Guards, NCC, Police Public School, Navodaya School and Boys and Girls Wing of Seva Dal and Police Band participated in the rehearsal today.

Sharanappa Dasanur, DIG,Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru was the Parade Commander of the rehearsal.

Palace ACP Chandrashekar, Reserve Police Inspectors Murthy, Somanna, Srinivas, Anand and other officials participated in the rehearsal which will be held tomorrow also.

Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway needs rectification: Mandya DC

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During the highway construction, NHAI removed streetlights installed by the local Gram Panchayat in Hanakere, Boodanuru, Induvalu, Sundahalli, Yeliuru, Kalenahalli, Kodishettipura and Gananguru. These streetlights are crucial for the safety of villagers and underpasses. The DC has requested NHAI to reinstall the streetlights on a priority basis.

Dr. Kumara noted the presence of unscientific road humps on service roads near underpasses in various villages, hindering smooth traffic flow. He has called for the replacement of these humps in compliance with standards and the installation of scientifically designed road humps.

The letter underscores the importance of providing foot overbridges to allow pedestrians to cross the highway safely and prevent accidents. NHAI has been asked to make provisions for these bridges at multiple locations, including Rudrakshipura, Mobbalagere, Gejjalagere, Boodanuru, Kalenahalli, Siddapura, Gananguru, Gowdahalli and other villages.

Dr. Kumara has also requested the construction of drain-cum-footpaths at various locations along the Mandya stretch of the highway. He highlighted that the movement of farmers and cattle has become challenging due to increased traffic on the service roads.

An underpass has been sought at Hanakere and Gowdahalli villages, following discussions in a meeting held at Vidhana Soudha on June 26, 2023. The DC stressed that this is a long-pending public demand and NHAI should initiate construction urgently.

NHAI has been urged to undertake various works, including installing signboards, road markings and raising median heights at accident-prone zones at locations such as Maddur, Ummadahalli Gate, Induvalu, Sundahalli Ragimuddanahalli and Garudanaukkada.

A spot inspection was carried out by the Mandya DC and SP, along with MLAs of Srirangapatna and Maddur, who identified incomplete works left unattended in the middle of the road. As a result, the unfinished works are leading to accidents on this Expressway from Nidaghatta to Srirangapatna, the DC noted in his letter, sharing location-wise details.

The DC's letter also highlights eight other issues in Srirangapatna, including incomplete drain works at Induvalu, Sundahalli, Yeliyuru, two locations at Kodishettipura, near the Gananguru Toll Plaza and incomplete drain and footpath works at Gowdahalli.

In Maddur taluk, over 16 unfinished works have been identified, encompassing tasks such as incomplete slip road construction, service road diversion for two-wheeler safety, unfinished rainwater-carrying pipes, incomplete drain construction and proper design of areas where traffic merges from service roads to the Expressway.

Skyrocketing onion prices

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A mere week ago, onions were priced at Rs. 40-45 per kg, but now they are commanding Rs. 85 to Rs. 90 per kg. As Deepavali approaches, the prices are expected to cross the Rs. 100 per kg mark.

Just a fortnight ago, onions were available for Rs. 30-35 per kg. However, after Dasara, prices in Mysuru markets suddenly surged, reaching Rs. 50 per kg last week. Presently, this pink vegetable is being sold for Rs. 90 to Rs. 95 per kg at several locations in Mysuru, with vendors in posh residential areas even demanding Rs. 100 per kg for bigger and round onions.

The steep rise in onion prices is linked to the impact of the monsoon's failure in the State, leading to a substantial reduction in onion supply to Mysuru APMC. A trader at APMC, Mysuru, explained, "The decrease in supply is responsible for the escalating onion prices."

However, the quality of onions available now in the market has improved manifold when compared with that of those arriving in the previous month. The onions that are coming now are of very good quality. For over a month now, the only available onions were old onions, with their skin peeled out and most of them had also sprouted already, traders said.

Despite the Indian Government's ban on onion exports, prices continue to rise steadily in Maharashtra, the country's largest onion-producing State. Many parts of Karnataka, including Mysuru APMC, rely on onion supplies from Nasik in Maharashtra. Unfortunately, this export ban has not alleviated the price increases, with onion prices continuing to climb daily.

For onion prices to drop, a fresh crop must enter the market. However, the monsoon's failure in onion-growing regions of the State, including Hubballi-Dharwad, Chikkamagalur, Kadur and Chitradurga, may disrupt onion supply from these areas.

Over 21 buses destroyed in fire at Bengaluru

Bengaluru, Oct. 30- Over 21 out of 30 private buses that were parked at Veerabhadra Nagar here were destroyed in a major fire this morning. Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who have reached the spot, are fighting hard to control the fire to prevent it from spreading further.

The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, but it is suspected that it might have started from a garage that is close to the spot where the buses were parked for repairs.

Sources said that due to the intensity of the heat generated from the fire, a few diesel tanks of buses blasted causing the fire to spread to other buses.

Sources also said that the sparks due to welding work undertaken nearby ignited the fire which soon spread to other buses. No casualties or injuries have been reported so far.

Fire-fighters were dousing the fire when we went to the Press.

Encroachment of Govt. land on KRS Road

MUDA issues notice to demolish encroachment

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (RK&KS)- A building is being construct by allegedly encroaching MUDA land at Gokulam 1st Stage on KSR Road and the MUDA Zone-4 Zonal Officer, on Oct. 27, has issued notice to one J. Honnamma and Seetha in this regard.

In the notice, it is mentioned that the land (No. 97) facing KRS Road in Gokulam 1st Stage is encroached and construction of a building and compound is being undertaken.

The land, measuring (76.00 + 35.50) 2 x 64.21, was allotted by MUDA but the land adjacent to it belonging to MUDA, has been encroached and apart from the construction of a building, foundation for constructing a compound has been dug up.

The Zonal Officer has issued a notice to demolish the building and compound which has encroached the MUDA land failing which the MUDA will initiate legal action to demolish the encroached part.

Leopardess trapped near T. Narasipur

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (MTY&KS)- An eight-year-old leopardess has been trapped in a cage placed by the Forest Department at an agricultural field in Bommanahalli village, T. Narasipur taluk, in the district on Oct. 28 night.

As the leopardess had lost its ability to hunt, it was decided to shift the big wild cat to the Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli in Mysuru.

The leopardess was found moving near houses at Bommanahalli and surrounding places since two months, preying on livestock following which the villagers had lodged a complaint with the Forest Department.

Though cages were placed at various places to trap it, the leopardess was not trapped. But on Oct. 28 night, the leopardess walked into the cage placed in the field at Bommanahalli and got trapped.

On examining the wild cat, it came to be known that four of its canines and three teeth were completely worn out and hence had lost its ability to hunt and used to prey on dogs, sheep and cows in villages.

The leopardess was finally shifted to the Mysuru Zoo's Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli.

Meanwhile, Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) Dr. Basavaraju said that following complaints from villagers, the issue was taken seriously and cages to trap the leopardess were placed at various spots.

Operation to trap the leopardess was also conducted and the wild cat walked into the cage on Oct. 28 night and got trapped.

When the leopardess was examined, its teeth were worn out which made it difficult for the wild cat to hunt. Hence, it used to prey on dogs and other domesticated animals, the DCF said and added that as the leopardess would again raid villages and kill livestock if it was released back to the forest, it was shifted to the Rehabilitation Centre.

Indian Oil dealers condemn inhuman treatment, submit memorandum

Mysuru, Oct. 30 (KS)-Alleging that inhuman treatment is being meted out by Indian Oil officers by behaving rudely and harshly, the Mysuru Indian Oil Dealers' Association held a protest meeting at a private hotel in city this morning and submitted a memorandum to the Indian Oil Divisional Sales Retail Head of Mysore Divisional Office.

In the memorandum, the Association has stated that they had requested to treat the dealer fraternity with due respect many times but still many officers were behaving in a rude manner and also using curt language. The Association has demanded that dealers be treated appropriately.

Pointing out that the dealers do not have proper sitting arrangements when they visit the Indian Oil Depot to purchase fuel and lubricants, the Association stated that dealers are made to sit outside the security area.

The Association has also urged the Divisional Sales Retail Head to advice his Officers not to speak badly and lightly about the Association's office-bearers.

The Indian Oil officials are threatening dealers that their retail outlet will be closed down by giving flimsy reasons, which would not only damage the reputation of the dealer but also Indian Oil company, the Association further said.

Stating that the list of harassment to them is exhaustive, the Association has urged the Divisional Sales Retail Head of Mysore Divisional Office to kindly reciprocate and help the dealers to improve the business.

IOCL Mysuru President S.R. Patil, Mandya President Sri Harsha, Ramanagar President Dr. Girish, Kodagu Association Secretary H.S. Ashok, Federation of Mysore Petroleum Traders President Shashikala Nagaraj, Secretary Ranjith Hegde and others took part in the meeting.

New office-bearers of NAREDCO installed

Mysuru, Oct.30 (MK&DM)- The installation of new office-bearers of Mysuru Chapter of NAREDCO (National Real Estate Development Council) took place at a private hotel in the city on Friday.

Agriculture Minister N. Chaluvarayaswamy, who spoke after inaugurating the programme, said that the Government is mulling on taking action against those who develop Layouts illegally without due sanction from the authorities.

Maintaining that he will bring to the notice of Chief Minister Siddharamaiah regarding integrated development of his (Siddu) home district, he said that Mysuru is as sweet as its famous 'Mysore Pak'. Noting that the State capital Bengaluru is already overcrowded, he stressed on the need for developing Tier-2 cities such as Mysuru, Mangaluru and Mandya.

Asserting that Karnataka is the fastest growing State in the country in terms of economic development, Chaluvarayaswamy highlighted the role of developers in this growth. But there are some unscrupulous developers who are forming illegal and unauthorised layouts, which is causing hardships to those who have built houses or own sites there.

Emphasising on the need for real estate developers and all others in the construction industry for following the land laws and other rules and regulations, he called for discipline and dedications among builders, who play a crucial role in the housing and infrastructure sector.

The Minister commended the Mysuru chapter of NAREDCO for its service to the society.

The following were installed as the new office-bearers for the year 2023-25: T.G. Adisheshan Gowda (Chairman), V.C. Ravikumar (President), Dr. M.D. Raghavendra Prasad (Vice-President), P. Vinay Shankar (Hon. Secretary), A.P. Nagesh (Treasurer) and P.S. Gagandeep (Joint Secretary).

Also, the following were installed as members of the Executive Committee: N. Divyesh, M.L. Nagesh, Dhirendra Kumar Mehta, G.K. Sudhindra, S.H. Jagadish, P. Nanjundaswamy, Ganesh Narayan Hegde and V. Mohan Kumar.

Srirangapatna MLA Rameshbabu Bandisiddegowda, NAREDCO State President Shyam Kumar Mareddi, Vice-President Manoj Lodha, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) President K.B. Lingaraju, Mysore Industries Association (MIA) Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain and others were present.

CaratLane-Tanishq partnership launches 2nd store in Mysuru

Namratha Shenoy from Diya Groups, Mysuru and Aparna Ranga, owner of Frosting Cafe, Mysuru, who inaugurated the store, are seen with P.V. Jayaram, MD of KPR Groups, Mysuru, his son V.J. Hemanth, Caratlane franchise and his family.

Mysuru, Oct. 30- CaratLane, India's leading omni-channel jewellery brand, launched its 2nd store in Mysuru at Nexus Centre City.

The store was inaugurated recently at the Nexus Mall with the tradition of a coal breaking ceremony, signifying the birth of a new store and prosperous times ahead. The launch was attended by friends, family and loyal customers of the brand.

The brand is focused on making all forms of trial available in every pin code where it has strong customer interest and this store will address the needs of one such catchment. Customers will be able to discover and try designs from CaratLane's iconic collections, like Butterfly and the exclusive launch — the Harry Potter collection — along with their most popular jewellery segments such as modern mangalsutras, classic studs and bestseller rings. Catering to a wider audience and a variety of occasions, the store will also feature kids jewellery and ample options for wedding celebrations this season.

CaratLane has also launched its brand new collection, Alpona, that draws inspiration from the mesmerising traditional Bengali art style and its eight unique motifs, crafted with modern aesthetics. These intricate patterns carry profound meaning in each motif, symbolising prosperity, good health and triumphs.

Crafted in 14kt gold, white ceramic and diamonds, the gorgeous Alpona motifs can be seen in a variety of categories, including earrings, rings, bracelets and pendants.

Talking about the launch, Atul Sinha, Chief Operating Officer of CaratLane - A Tanishq Partnership, said, "We are delighted to inaugurate our new store in Mysuru and increase our foothold in the South region. With every new store, we are enabling more and more consumers in a catchment to browse and discover jewellery designs they like and try the designs in a store near them using features like Try At Home and in store."

Government plans to launch ride-hailing app for cabs, autos

Bengaluru. Oct. 30 (Agencies)- The Karnataka Government has decided to launch its own ride-hailing app, aiming to provide a platform similar to popular services like Uber and Ola, in order to address the concerns and grievances of taxi and autorickshaw drivers.

Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy announced that the Transport Department is taking steps to develop a new mobile application for booking autos and taxis. The app will draw inspiration from the models used by popular private cab aggregators like Ola and Uber.

This decision comes in response to the challenges faced by autorickshaw and cab drivers who have been burdened with high commissions, and the new app aims to address these issues. Reddy stated, "A decision has been made to develop an application similar to Ola and Uber as autorickshaw drivers and cab drivers are facing a lot of issues due to high commissions."

Ramalinga Reddy

He further emphasised that the primary objective behind introducing this platform is to ensure fair treatment and adequate compensation for taxi and auto drivers.

Money pocketed by companies

Following a grievance meeting with representatives from auto, taxi and bus unions, Reddy highlighted an incident where a driver presented a customer's bill indicating that the passenger had paid Rs. 800, but the driver only received Rs. 450, with the remaining amount going to the company.

He added, "Ola and Uber do not own any vehicles; their investment lies solely in their app and software. The Government is committed to creating its own app to address these issues and ensure fair treatment and compensation for drivers."

In 2022, the Kerala Government launched the 'Kerala Savari' app as an alternative to Ola and Uber, but it failed to gain popularity. Bengaluru's Auto Rickshaw Drivers' Union (ARDU) rolled out the 'Namma Yatri' app in November 2022 which received a positive response from users.

Bike taxi ban

Regarding drivers' demands to ban bike taxis, Reddy stated that the matter is currently pending in the High Court. He also promised to look into their other demands, including insurance coverage for drivers, housing facilities, providing educational assistance for drivers' children, observing a drivers' day, honouring exemplary drivers, implementing uniform cab fare to the airport, reducing road tax for buses and facilitating online tourist permits.

KSRTC to appoint 6,500 drivers and 300 technical staff

Bengaluru, Oct.30 (KMS&DM)- To strengthen their staff in the wake of increasing fleet of buses, the four Transport Corporations of the State (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC and KKRTC) will together appoint as many as 6,500 drivers and 300 technical staff soon.

The Transport Corporations had sought nod of the State Government for appointment of 13,000 personnel in order to fill up vacancies arising out of retirement of staff and also to meet the demands of their expanded services. But the Finance Department has given the go ahead for appointment of 6,500 drivers and 300 technical staff in the first phase. Subsequently, the KSRTC plans to appoint 2,000 drivers-cum-conductors and 300 technical personnel.

The NWKRTC will appoint 2,000 drivers-cum-conductors and the BMTC will recruit 2,500 conductors, while the KKRTC has already started the process for recruitment of 1,619 drivers.

The appointment process will be completed in about three months, according to sources.

Touch of Grey wins 'The 1XBET Mysore Derby (Gr.1)'

'Touch of Grey' won 'The 1XBET Mysore Derby (Gr.1)' races held on the 16th day of The Mysore (Monsoon) Races Meeting on Oct. 29 at Mysore Race Club. Jockey Suraj Narredu astride the winning horse is seen with (standing from left) owner Anil Saraf, trainer Satish Narredu, owner P. Apana Subaiya & Yashika Apana and breeder Gurupal Singh.

The Bottolanda Trophy for 'Mighty Zo'

Krithy Pradeep and C.S. Pradeep presenting 'The Bottolanda Trophy' to Prasanna Kumar, trainer of 'MIGHTY ZO,' which won the races on the 15th day of The Mysore (Monsoon) Races Meeting on Oct. 28 at MRC premises. The winning horse, owned by K. Manoj Kumar and Gaja Manoj, was ridden by Jockey Akshay Kumar. Others seen are MRC Chairman, Stewards and Committee Members.

1st ICSE National medal for Mysuru in Shooting

FROM LEFT: ***Dimble Sebastian (Principal Shanthala Vidyapeetha), Nanditha Chandra (Silver Medalist), Santosh (Secretary, Shanthala Vidyapeetha), C. Preetham (Gold Medalist) and H.S. Vivek (Coach, Mysore Sports Shooting Academy).***

Mysuru, Oct. 30- In a Rifle Shooting National-level Competition organised by ICSE Board, students from city's Shanthala Vidyapeetha ICSE School have won medals both in Under-17 Boys and Girls category.

C. Preetham has won gold medal in U-17 Boys category and Nandita Chandra has won silver medal in U-17 Girls category.

Both of them have been qualified for Indian Games for School Council (IGSC). Both of them are the only students from Mysuru to get qualified for the IGSC Tournament which will be conducted in December.

Students from Shanthala Vidyapeetha were the only students to represent Mysuru region in IGSC. Shanthala Vidyapeetha is the only School in Karnataka to get 2 national medals in ICSC National Shooting Championship 2023. Both are trained under the guidance of H.S. Vivek of Mysore Sports Shooting Academy.

Kickboxing: Mysuru boy excels in World Championship

Mysuru, Oct. 30- City lad Parikshith Pradeep has secured a silver and bronze medal in the International Sport Kickboxing Association (ISKA) Amateur Members World Championship 2023 held at Munich in Germany.

While he bagged silver medal in Light Contact Junior Boys (-45 kg) category, he bagged bronze in K1 Junior Boys -45 kg (6-11 years).

He had earlier won gold in the National-level Full Contact Martial Arts Championship to get selected for the Germany Championship.

A 4th standard student at National Public School, Parikshith is the son of Pradeep and Puneetha.

Parikshith

Parikshith trains under Mahesh, Ashwini and Dr. S. Krishnamurthy at Oshokai Martial Arts College, Mysuru.

District-level Table Tennis Tournament held at Vijaya Vittala

Mysuru, Oct. 30- The Department of School Education (Pre-University), Mysuru, in association with Vijaya Vittala PU College, Saraswathipuram, had organised a District-level U-19 Table Tennis Tournament at Vijaya Vittala PU College recently.

In the boys section, Sri Ramakrishna Vidyashala won first prize and Nalanda PU College, Koppa, got second prize.

In the girls section, Mahajana PU College won first prize and Vijaya Vittala PU College got second prize. Winners were awarded with trophy, medals and certificates.

Vijaya Vittala PU College Principal H. Satyaprasad, Physical Education Director K.R. Manjunath and Physical Education Directors of various colleges K.M. Kantharaju, Parashivamurthy, Sudarshan, Chandru, Tukaram Singh and Rakesh were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Circumvent

Pronunciation: ser-kum-VENT.
Meaning: To circumvent something is to get around it in a clever and sometimes dishonest way, or, if it's a rule or law, to avoid being stopped by it.
Origin: If you've ever felt as if someone was running circles around those trying to get something done, you have an idea of the origins of circumvent — it comes from the Latin word circumventus, a form of the verb circumvenire, meaning "to surround or go around" (circumvenire combines the adverb circum, "in a circle around," and verb venire, "to come"). The earliest uses of circumvent referred to a tactic of hunting or warfare in which quarry or enemy was encircled and captured. This meaning doesn't exactly square with modern uses of the word. Today, circumvent more often suggests avoidance than entrapment; to come full circle, it typically means to "get around" someone or something, as by evading a problem or avoiding the law.
Example: "[Adrienne] Finch already had several friends who were making money on YouTube, and following in their footsteps seemed like a way to circumvent several years of early-career dues-paying. So she turned down the Warner Bros. gig and instead took a job with a smaller digital-focused production company, one that would give her the space to build a YouTube following on the side. After a year, she left to focus on YouTube full-time." —Brian Contreras, The Los Angeles Times, 5 Sept. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Caesious

Bluish or greyish green.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Cup of tea

Meaning: The phrase 'Cup of tea' is used to define something you like, or perhaps something you're good at doing.
Origin: This phrase was known to be used in a negative way. For example: "He's not my cup of tea". The positive version of the phrase this started in the late 1800s when the British changed the phrase to "my cup of tea" used to describe something they enjoyed.
Example: "Fiction novels aren't really my cup of tea. To be frank, I prefer crime thrillers or historical books."

QUOTE BOX

Tea is a religion of the art of life. **—Okakura Kakuzo**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

CADAVER
MY

Answer: Over my dead body.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Person from Phuket
5 Electronic Library Sys.
8 Talk in a light and familiar way
12 Egg producers?
13 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
14 Opposite of "love"
15 Eight as a prefix
16 An alcoholic drink
17 Many (1,3)
18 Small guitar
19 Horrible
21 GI with stripes
23 __ ___ The Walrus: The Beatles hit (1,2)
24 Matrimonial
28 Railway Transport Officer
31 Arch of bridge
32 Present participle suffix?
33 Large water bodies
34 Small peg for supporting a golf ball
35 Ignorant person
37 American medical association, in short
38 Put to work
39 Vanish
44 Delve
47 Copied
48 Plastic type
49 Latvian port
50 Sandy soil
51 ___ Biao : Mao Zedong's famous general?
52 Chinese weight - "late" change?
53 S. Indian snack
54 Estimated life expectancy
55 Canadian province - "Lata" anagram?

DOWN
1 You in old English
2 O__: same thing as "O, hell!"?
3 Aerials or feelers
4 International Standards Organisation, acronym?
5 Reasoning word
6 Star Wars princess
7 Capital of Chile
8 Yawning gap
9 Saint's circle of light
10 Particle
11 Head of Paris
19 Bud's movie partner
20 ___ 9000: Sentient computer in 2001: A Space Odyssey
22 International news giants
24 VT now
25 Unseal - poetically speaking!
26 New York City (3,5)
27 Hotel that's not "out" by the sound of it?
28 Therapeutic, curative
29 Greek letter
30 CIA precursor
33 Stockholm flier
35 Little devil
36 Robot drama by Karel Capek
37 One of the As of AAP
39 Spanish surrealist painter
40 Apple's music player
41 This water animal has fur
42 Very wicked
43 Teen-age affliction?
45 _ __ it : I follow this? (1,3)
46 Festive gathering for sports
49 Required Time of Arrival

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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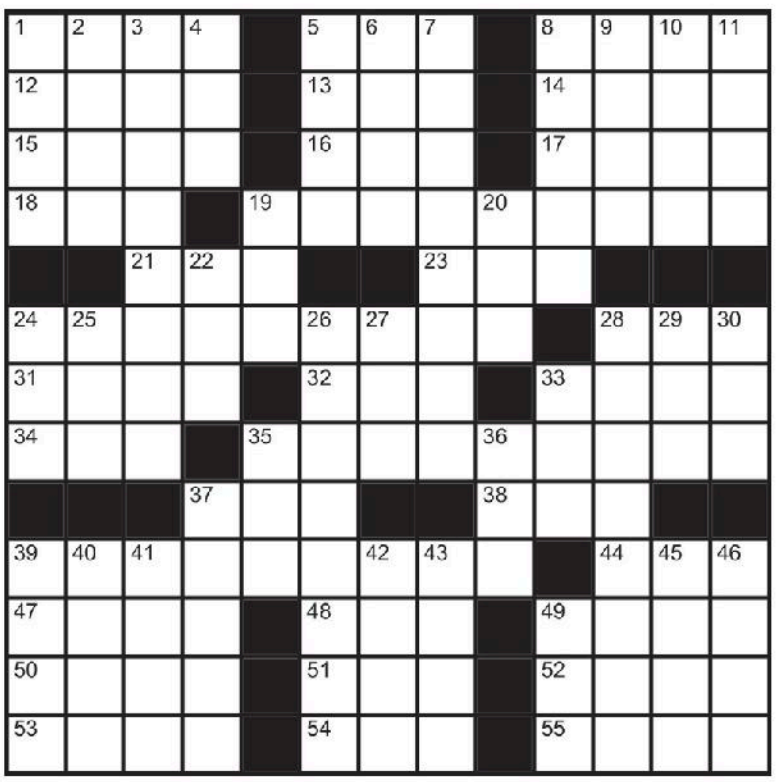

SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	6	2	3	7	5	8	9
8	5	3	9	1	6	4	7	2
9	2	7	4	5	8	3	1	6
2	4	5	3	6	1	8	9	7
3	9	8	7	2	5	1	6	4
7	6	1	8	4	9	2	5	3
6	8	2	1	9	4	7	3	5
1	3	9	5	7	2	6	4	8
5	7	4	6	8	3	9	2	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SOU CWGU SOWCD QZYKS UDYSWXSX WX SOQS

SOUV EYC'S SQFL QZYKS YSOUP BUYBFU.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Never let a day pass that you will have cause to say, I will do better tomorrow.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Ghost (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Ghost (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Leo (K) - 2 Shows; *Leo (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Leo (K) - 2 Shows; *Leo (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Leo (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Leo (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Leo (H) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Ronnie (K) - 2 Shows; *Inamdar (K)* - 2 Shows
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  Bhagavanth Kesari (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Tagarupalya (K) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Ghost (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 7.10 pm; (S-3) 1.20 pm
	(S-4)	4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-1)	1.20 pm
Leo (Ta)	(S-1)	4 pm, 10 pm; (S-2) 10.25 am
	(S-4)	1.00 pm, 6.55 pm
Inamdar (K)	(S-2)	1.35 pm
Tejas (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm, 7.10 pm
Pulimad (Ma)	(S-2)	9.45 pm
Ronnie (K)	(S-3)	10.45 am
12th Fail (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm, 7.00 pm
Killers of the Flower Moon (E)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ghost (K)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.20 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 4.20 pm
		7.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Leo (K)	:	3 pm, 6.10 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	10.40 am, 1.15 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	9.20 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Ghost (K)	:	9 am, 10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 3.20 pm
		7.35 pm, 9.45 pm, 10.30 pm
Killers of the Flower Moon (E)	:	10 am, 2.05 pm, 6.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Tejas (H)	:	11.05 am, 1.45 pm, 4.25, 7.05 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	11.55 am, 4.10 pm, 6.15 pm
		9.40 pm, 10.30 pm
Leo (K)	:	12.45 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	3.50 pm
Ganapath - A Hero is Born (H)	:	4.10 pm
Bhagavanth Kesari (Te)	:	7.05 pm
Mujib: Making of a Nation (H)	:	10 pm

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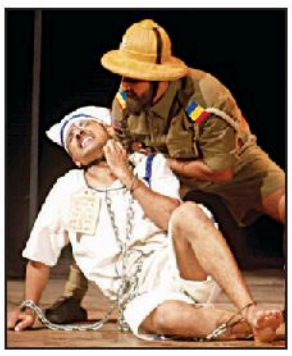
Leo (Ta)	:	9.35 am, 1 pm, 3.40, 7.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Ghost (K)	:	10.00 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Tejas (H)	:	10.20 am, 1.00 pm, 4.25 pm
		7.05 pm, 10:30 pm
Mujib: Making of a Nation (H)	:	12.10 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	3.50 pm, 9.50 pm
12th Fail (K)	:	6.40 pm

Staging of play 'Karineera Veera' on Veer Savarkar this evening

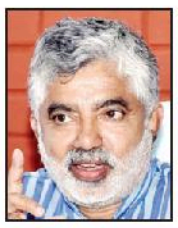


Mysuru, Oct. 30- The Kannada play titled 'Karineera Veera,' on the life story of freedom fighter Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, known as Veer Savarkar, will be staged at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises today (Oct. 30) at 6 pm.

Veer Savarkar

The play is adapted into theatre by former Director of Rangayana Mysuru Addanda C. Cariappa, who is the author of the book with the same title.

The play will also be staged on Nov. 7 and 8 at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road in city.


Cariappa

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 30)

- **Whispers of Inanimate Beauty:** Still Life Art Exhibition and Sale by M.L. Pavan Kumar, Neralu Belaku Art Gallery Mysore, Coffee City, M.H. Ambarish Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 10 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 31)

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- **Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI):** Centenary year celebrations, Medical Exhibition, Library Hall building, ground floor of MMC&RI, Irwin Road, **10 am to 5 pm.** [Entry is free]
- **Mysore Sahodaya School Complex:** One-day Conclave for School Leaders on the topic 'Reinventing School Leadership from Inside Out,' Hotel LeRuchi, Hunsur Road, **9.30 am to 4.30 pm.**
- **JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research - JSS Medical College (JSS MC):** Allied Health Sciences - Graduates Reception, Suttur Seer graces, Dr. B.L. Sujatha Rathod, Director, Medical Education, GoK, presides, Dr. Sucheta Banerjee Kurundkar, Principal Scientist II, THSTI & Chief of Training, CDSA-THSTI, Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, GoI, New Delhi, chief guest, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER and Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, guests of honour, Sri Rajendra Auditorium, JSS MC premises, **4 pm.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert by Vid. G.K. Manamohan, accompanied by Vid. Venkatesh Josyer on violin, Vid. S. Kumaraswamy on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Sri Rama Mandir, Jayanagar, **6 pm.**

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Ghost (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 4.40 pm
		7.35 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am
Leo (Ta)	(S-1)	10.20 am
	(S-2)	3.10 pm, 6.35 pm, 10 pm
Tejas (H)	(S-3)	10 am, 12.45 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.00 pm
Mujib- Making of a Nation (H)	(S-4)	6.40 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	(S-4)	12.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Leo (K)	(S-2)	11.45 am
12th Fail (K)	(S-4)	3.35 pm

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Ghost (K)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 7.05 pm
Tagarupalya (K)	:	10.05 am, 6.30 pm
Tejas (H)	:	10.10 am, 12.55 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.50 pm
Leo (Ta)	:	10.45 am, 2.10 pm, 5.35 pm, 9 pm
Leo (K)	:	3.40 pm
12th Fail (K)	:	12.55 pm
12th Fail (H)	:	3.55 pm
Ronnie (K)	:	4 pm
Inamdar (K)	:	9.20 pm
Ganapath - A Hero is Born (H)	:	10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

DAILY ATTRACTIONS

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